Tree Inventory, Assessment, and Protection Report

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Summary

The plans indicate all the trees and structures are to be demolished and a four unit residential housing complex is to be constructed. The inventory contains twelve (12) trees comprised of four (4) different species. Two coast redwoods (*Sequoia sempervirens*) originate on the adjacent sites and are considered Large Protected and there are no Exempt trees. Walnut (*Juglans nigra*) #875 and sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*) #885 are both poor condition while the mulberries are in fair shape, and the two adjacent coast redwoods #884 and #886 are in good condition. None of the trees originating on the site have good suitability for preservation. All the trees on the site are expected to be highly impacted and removed (8 mulberries, 1 walnut, and 1 sweetgum). The storm drain and connection near coast redwood #884 should be moved closer to the interior to avoid the tree. No other impacts are expected. The applicant will be required to replace 10 protected trees according to the ordinance or pay an in lieu fee. Tree protection will be focussed around the adjacent coast redwood #884 and fence will need to placed at the property boundary at a radius of 30 feet. If not possible construction monitoring and bridging will be required for activity under the tree. There were 12 trees appraised for a rounded depreciated value of $51,220.00 with the two adjacent coast redwoods accounting for $44,600 of that total. The value of the trees originating on the site is $6,620.00.

Introduction

Background

The Town of Los Gatos asked me to assess the site, trees, and proposed footprint plan, and to provide a report with my findings and recommendations to help satisfy planning requirements.

Assignment

- Provide an arborist's report including an assessment of the trees within the project area and on the adjacent sites. The assessment is to include the species, size (trunk diameter), condition (health, structure, and form), and suitability for preservation ratings. Affix number tags on the trees for reference on site and on plans.
- Provide tree protection specifications, guidelines, and impact ratings for those affected by the project.
- Provide appraised values using the Trunk Formula Technique.

Limits of the assignment

- The information in this report is limited to the condition of the trees during my inspection on July 16, 2021. No tree risk assessments were performed.
- Tree heights and canopy diameters are estimates.

- The plans reviewed for this assignment were as follows (Table 1)

Table 1: Plans Reviewed Checklist

Plan	Date	Sheet	Reviewed	Source
Existing Site Topographic	04/22/21	C2	Yes	Mission Engineers, Inc.
Proposed Site Plan	05/21/21	A-10	Yes	Hometec Architecture, Inc.
Erosion Control				
Grading and Drainage	04/22/21	C3	Yes	Mission Engineers, Inc.
Utility Plan and Hook-up locations				
Exterior Elevations				
Landscape Plan	04/05/21	L1, L2	Yes	Greg Mussallum
Irrigation Plan				
T-1 Tree Protection Plan				

Purpose and use of the report

The report is intended to identify all the trees within the plan area that could be affected by a project. The report is to be used by the Town of Los Gatos and the property owners as a reference for existing tree conditions to help satisfy planning requirements.

Observations

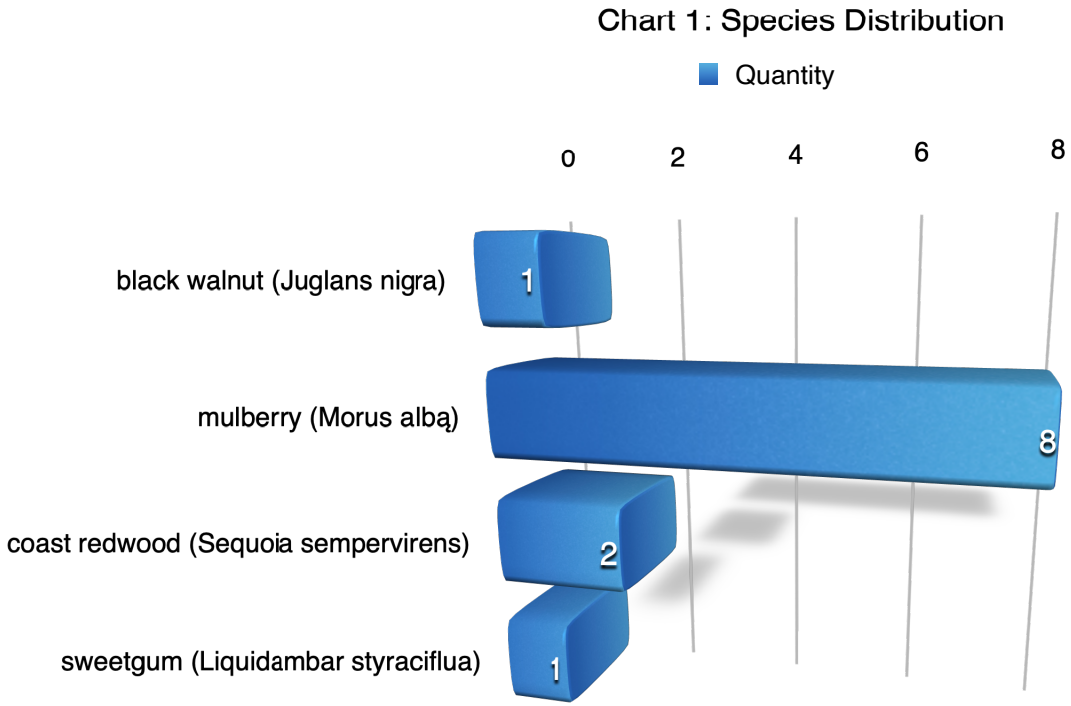
Tree Inventory

The inventory consists of trees protected by the Town of Los Gatos located on site and those in close proximity on neighboring properties. Sec. 29.10.0960. - Scope of protected trees. All trees which have a four-inch or greater diameter (twelve and one half-inch circumference) of any trunk, when removal relates to any review for which zoning approval or subdivision approval is required. (Appendix A and B). Los Gatos Town Ordinance 29.10.0970 Exceptions (1) states the following: “A fruit or nut tree that is less than eighteen (18) inches in diameter (fifty-seven-inch circumference).

Plans

Plans are to demolish all the trees and structures on site and build a four unit housing complex for residential occupancy.

The inventory contains twelve (12) trees comprised of four (4) different species (Chart 1). Two coast redwoods originating on the adjacent sites are considered Large Protected[1] and no trees are Exempt[2].



[1] Large protected tree means any oak (*Quercus spp.*), California buckeye (*Aesculus californica*), or Pacific madrone (*Arbutus menziesii*) which has a 24-inch or greater diameter (75-inch circumference); or any other species of tree with a 48-inch or greater diameter (150-inch circumference).

[2] A fruit or nut tree that is less than eighteen (18) inches in diameter (fifty-seven-inch circumference).

Analysis

Tree appraisal was performed according to the Council of Tree & Landscape Appraisers *Guide for Plant Appraisal 10th Edition, 2019* (CLTA) along with Western Chapter International Society of Arboriculture *Species Classification and Group Assignment, 2004*. The trees were appraised using the "Cost Approach" and more specifically the "Trunk Formula Technique" (Appendix B).

"Trunk Formula Technique" is calculated as follows: Basic Tree Cost = (Unit tree cost x Appraised trunk area), Appraised Value = (Basic tree cost X functional Limitations (percentage) X Condition (percentage) X External Limitations (percentage)).

The trunk formula valuations are based on four tree factors; size (trunk cross sectional area), condition, functional limitations, and external limitations. There are two steps to determine the overall value. The first step is to determine the "Basic Tree Cost" based on size and unit tree cost. Unit tree cost is calculated by dividing the nursery wholesale cost of a 24 inch box specimen and its replacement size (cost per square inch trunk caliper) which is determined by the *Species Classification and Group Assignment, 2004 Western Chapter Regional Supplement*. The cost of the 24 inch box wholesale specimen was determined through personal communications with BrightView and Normans nurseries in Farmington and Central Wholesale in San Jose for an average of $214.00.

The second part is to depreciate the tree's Basic Cost through an assessment of condition, functional limitations, and external limitations. The condition assessment guidelines and percentages are defined in the "Condition Rating" section of this report. Functional limitations are based on factors associated with the tree's interaction to its planting site that would affect condition, limit development, or reduce the utility in the future and include genetics, placement, and site conditions for the individual tree. External limitations are outside the property, out of control of the owner and also affect condition, limit development, or reduce the utility in the future (i.e power lines, municipal restrictions, drought adaptations, or species susceptibility to pests).

There were 12 trees appraised for a rounded depreciated value of $51,220.00 with the two adjacent coast redwoods accounting for $44,600 of that total. The value of the trees originating on the site is $6,620.00.

Appraisal worksheets are available upon request

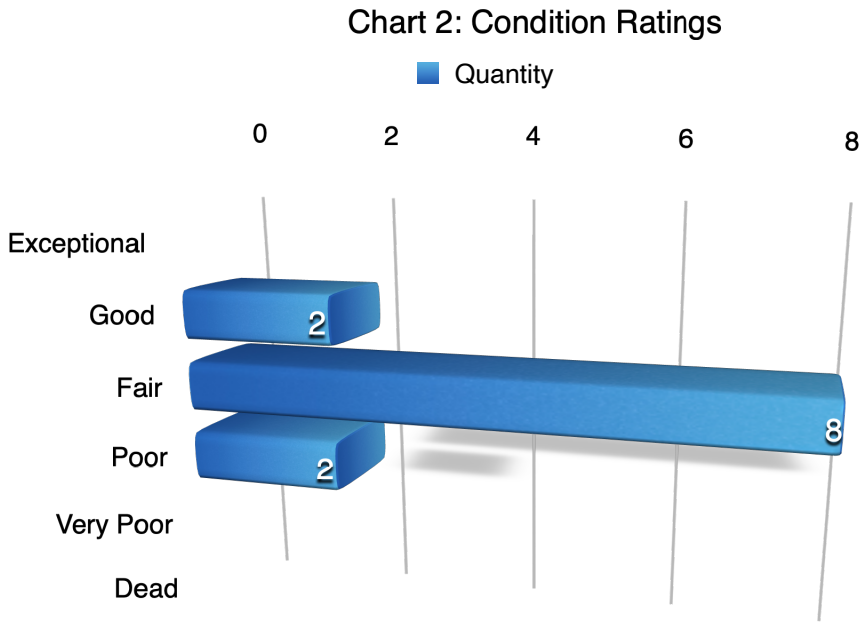
Discussion

Condition Rating

A tree's condition is a determination of its overall health, structure, and form. The assessment considered all three criteria for a combined condition rating.

- 100% - Exceptional = Good health and structure with significant size, location or quality.
- 61-80% - Good = Normal vigor, well-developed structure, function and aesthetics not compromised with good longevity for the site.
- 41-60 % - Fair = Reduced vigor, damage, dieback, or pest problems, at least one significant structural problem or multiple moderate defects requiring treatment. Major asymmetry or deviation from the species normal habit, function and aesthetics compromised.
- 21-40% - Poor = Unhealthy and declining appearance with poor vigor, abnormal foliar color, size or density with potential irreversible decline. One serious structural defect or multiple significant defects that cannot be corrected and failure may occur at any time. Significant asymmetry and compromised aesthetics and intended use.
- 6-20% - Very Poor = Poor vigor and dying with little foliage in irreversible decline. Severe defects with the likelihood of failure being probable or imminent. Aesthetically poor with little or no function in the landscape.
- 0-5% - Dead/Unstable = Dead or imminently ready to fail.

Walnut #875 and sweetgum #885 are both poor condition. The mulberries are in fair shape and the two adjacent coast redwoods #884 and #886 are in good condition. The mulberries are all pollarded (type of pruning system that removes all annual growth to "knuckles").



Suitability for Conservation

A tree's suitability for preservation is determined based on Functional and External Limitations[3] (ISA, 2019).

- Good = Trees with good health, structural stability and longevity.
- Fair = Trees with fair health and/or structural defects that may be mitigated through treatment. These trees require more intense management and monitoring, and may have shorter life spans than those in the good category.
- Poor = Trees in poor health with significant structural defects that cannot be mitigated and will continue to decline regardless of treatment. The species or individual may possess characteristics that are incompatible or undesirable in landscape settings or unsuited for the intended use of the site.

None of the trees originating on the site have good suitability for preservation and all the mulberries, walnut, and sweetgum do not add to the site or community in any significant measurable way. The two coast redwoods originate on the adjacent sites and have the greatest benefit to the community.

Expected Impact Level

Impact level defines how a tree may be affected by construction activity and proximity to the tree, and is described as low, moderate, or high. The following scale defines the impact rating:

- Low = The construction activity will have little influence on the tree.
- Moderate = The construction may cause future health or structural problems, and steps must be taken to protect the tree to reduce future problems.
- High = Tree structure and health will be compromised and removal is recommended, or other actions must be taken for the tree to remain. The tree is located in the building envelope.

Ten trees on the site are expected to be highly impacted and removed. Two trees, coast redwoods #884 and #886, originate on the adjacent site. The storm drain and connection near coast redwood #884 should be moved closer to the interior or plans revised to avoid the tree. The impact is moderate to high in this location around this particular tree. No other impacts are expected.

[3] Functional Limitations are based on factors associated with the tree's interaction to its planting site affecting plant condition, limiting plant development, or reducing the utility in the future and include genetics, placement, and site conditions for the individual tree (ISA, 2019). External Limitations are outside the property, out of control of the owner and also affect plant condition, limit plant development, or reduce the utility in the future (i.e power lines, municipal restrictions, drought adaptations, or species susceptibility to pests) (ISA, 2019).

Mitigation for Removals

The table below indicates the recommended replacement values (Table 2). The applicant will be required to replace 10 protected trees according to the ordinance. Alternatively it may be possible to create an approved landscape plan or provide an in-lieu payment. The plans indicate three replacement species including crape myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*), Chinese pistache (*Pistacia chinensis*), and plum (*Prunus sp.*). All three of these are small replacement species which will add little value to the site or community in the future.

Table 2: Town of Los Gatos Tree Canopy - Replacement Standard

Canopy Size of Removed Tree (1)	Replacement Requirement (2)(4)	Single Family Residential Replacement Option (3)(4)
10 feet or less	Two 24 inch box trees	Two 15 gallon trees
More than 10 feet to 25 feet	Three 24 inch box trees	Three 15 gallon trees
More than 25 feet to 40 feet	Four 24 inch box trees or two 36 inch box trees	Four 15 gallon trees
More than 40 feet to 55 feet	Six 24 inch box trees; or three 36 inch box trees	Not available
Greater than 55 feet	Ten 24 inch box trees; or five 36 inch box trees	Not available

[1]To measure an asymmetrical canopy of a tree, the widest measurement shall be used to determine canopy size.

[2]Often, it is not possible to replace a single large, older tree with an equivalent tree(s). In this case, the tree may be replaced with a combination of both the Tree Canopy Replacement Standard and in-lieu payment in an amount set forth by Town Council resolution paid to the Town Tree Replacement Fund.

[3]Single Family Residential Replacement Option is available for developed single family residential lots under 10,000 square feet that are not subject to the Town's Hillside Development Standards and Guidelines. All 15-gallon trees must be planted on-site. Any in-lieu fees for single family residential shall be based on 24" box tree rates as adopted by Town Council.

[4]Replacement Trees shall be approved by the Town Arborist and shall be of a species suited to the available planting location, proximity to structures, overhead clearances, soil type, compatibility with surrounding canopy and other relevant factors. Replacement with native species shall be strongly encouraged. Replacement requirements in the Hillsides shall comply with the Hillside Development Standards and Guidelines Appendix A and Section 29.10.0987 Special Provisions—Hillsides.

Tree Protection

Typically there are three different tree protection schemes which are called Type I (Appendix D1), Type II and Type III (Appendix D2) trunk protection only. Tree protection focuses on avoiding damage to the roots, trunk, or scaffold branches (Appendix D). The most current accepted method for determining the TPZ is to use a formula based on species tolerance, tree age/vigor, and trunk diameter (Matheny, N. and Clark, J. 1998) (Fite, K, and Smiley, E. T., 2016). Preventing mechanical damage to the trunk from equipment or hand tools can be accomplished by wrapping the main stem with straw wattle or using vertical timbers (Appendix D).

Tree protection will be focussed around adjacent coast redwood #884 and any associated grading or utilities nearby. The protection fence will need to placed at the property boundary at a radius of 30 feet where possible. If not possible construction monitoring and bridging will be required for activity under the tree.

Conclusion

The plan is to demolish all the trees and structures and build a four unit residential housing complex. The inventory contains twelve (12) trees comprised of four (4) different species including eight mulberry, two coast redwoods, one walnut, and one sweetgum. The two coast redwoods originate on the adjacent sites and are considered Large Protected and there are no trees Exempt. Walnut #875 and sweetgum #885 are both poor condition while the mulberries are in fair shape, and the two adjacent coast redwoods #884 and #886 are in good condition. None of the trees originating on the site have good suitability for preservation and all the mulberries, walnut, and sweetgum do not measurably add to the site or community. The two coast redwoods originate on the adjacent properties and have the greatest benefit to the community, however they must be preserved regardless. All the trees on the site are expected to be highly impacted and removed (8 mulberries, 1 walnut, and 1 sweetgum). The storm drain and connection near coast redwood #884 should be moved closer to the interior or revised to avoid the tree. No other impacts are expected and #886 is far enough from the proposed improvements to be affected. The applicant will be required to replace 10 protected trees according to the ordinance. The selected replacement species are all small growing trees and will add little value. Alternatively it may be possible to create an approved landscape plan or provide an in-lieu payment. Tree protection will be focussed around the adjacent coast redwood #884. The protection fence will need to placed at the property boundary at a radius of 30 feet where possible around this tree. If not possible construction monitoring and bridging will be required for activity under the tree. There were 12 trees appraised for a rounded depreciated value of $51,220.00 with the two adjacent coast redwoods accounting for $44,600 of that total. The value of the trees originating on the site is $6,620.00.

Recommendations

1. Place tree numbers on all the plans. Make sure the trees are clearly indicated for removal on all the plans. The trees should also be very clearly marked on site prior to removal.

2. Place tree protection fence around #884 at a radius of 30 feet. Move the storm drain adjacent tot he is tree closer to the center of the property and avoid grading within 30 feet of the outer trunk. Install temporary irrigation or soaker hoses in all tree protection zones and provide supplemental watering during construction within all TPZ areas. Monitor watering times or amounts to ensure adequate soil saturation. (A 5/8" soaker hose requires about 200 minutes to deliver one inch of water to a garden. This number is affected by the length of the hose and the overall rate of flow from the faucet. A good rule of thumb is to expect about ½ GPM as a standard faucet flow rate.). Infrequent deeper watering is preferred.

3. Consider planting larger growing species on the site such as coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*), Chinese zelkova (*Zelkova serrata*), Atlantic cedar (*Cedrus atlantica* "Glauca") or other draught adapted species that grow to at least 40 feet. Tall.

4. All tree maintenance and care shall be performed by a qualified arborist with a C-61/D-49 California Contractors License. Tree maintenance and care shall be specified in writing according to American National Standard for Tree Care Operations: *Tree, Shrub and Other Woody Plant Management: Standard Practices* parts 1 through 10 and adhere to ANSI Z133.1 safety standards and local regulations. All maintenance is to be performed according to ISA Best Management Practices.

5. Refer to Appendix D for general tree protection guidelines including recommendations for arborist assistance while working under trees, trenching, or excavation within a trees drip line or designated TPZ/CRZ.

6. Place all the tree protection fence locations and guidelines on the plans including the grading, drainage, and utility plans. Alternatively create a separate plan sheet that includes all three protection measures labeled "T-1 Tree Protection Plan."

7. Provide a copy of this report to all contractors and project managers, including the architect, civil engineer, and landscape designer or architect. It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure all parties are familiar with this document.

8. Arrange a pre-construction meeting with the project arborist or landscape architect to verify tree protection is in place, with the correct materials, and at the proper distances.

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Glossary of Terms

Basic Tree Cost: The cost of replacement for a perfect specimen of a particular species and cross sectional area prior to location and condition depreciation.

Cost Approach: An indication of value by adding the land value to the depreciated value of improvements.

Defect: An imperfection, weakness, or lack of something necessary. In trees defects are injuries, growth patterns, decay, or other conditions that reduce the tree's structural strength.

Diameter at breast height (DBH): Measures at 1.4 meters (4.5 feet) above ground in the United States, Australia (arboriculture), New Zealand, and when using the Guide for Plant Appraisal, 9th edition; at 1.3 meters (4.3 feet) above ground in Australia (forestry), Canada, the European Union, and in UK forestry; and at 1.5 meters (5 feet) above ground in UK arboriculture.

Drip Line: Imaginary line defined by the branch spread or a single plant or group of plants. The outer extent of the tree crown.

Form: describes a plant's habit, shape or silhouette defined by its genetics, environment, or management.

Health: Assessment is based on the overall appearance of the tree, its leaf and twig growth, and the presence and severity of insects or disease.

Mechanical damage: Physical damage caused by outside forces such as cutting, chopping or any mechanized device that may strike the tree trunk, roots or branches.

Scaffold branches: Permanent or structural branches that for the scaffold architecture or structure of a tree.

Straw wattle: also known as straw worms, bio-logs, straw noodles, or straw tubes are man made cylinders of compressed, weed free straw (wheat or rice), 8 to 12 inches in diameter and 20 to 25 feet long. They are encased in jute, nylon, or other photo degradable materials,
and have an average weight of 35 pounds.

Structural evaluation: focused on the crown, trunk, trunk flare, above ground roots and the site conditions contributing to conditions and/or defects that may contribute to failure.

Tree Protection Zone (TPZ): Defined area within which certain activities are prohibited or restricted to prevent or minimize potential injury to designated trees, especially during construction or development.

Tree Risk Assessment: Process of evaluating what unexpected things could happen, how likely it is, and what the likely outcomes are. In tree management, the systematic process to determine the level of risk posed by a tree, tree part, or group of trees.

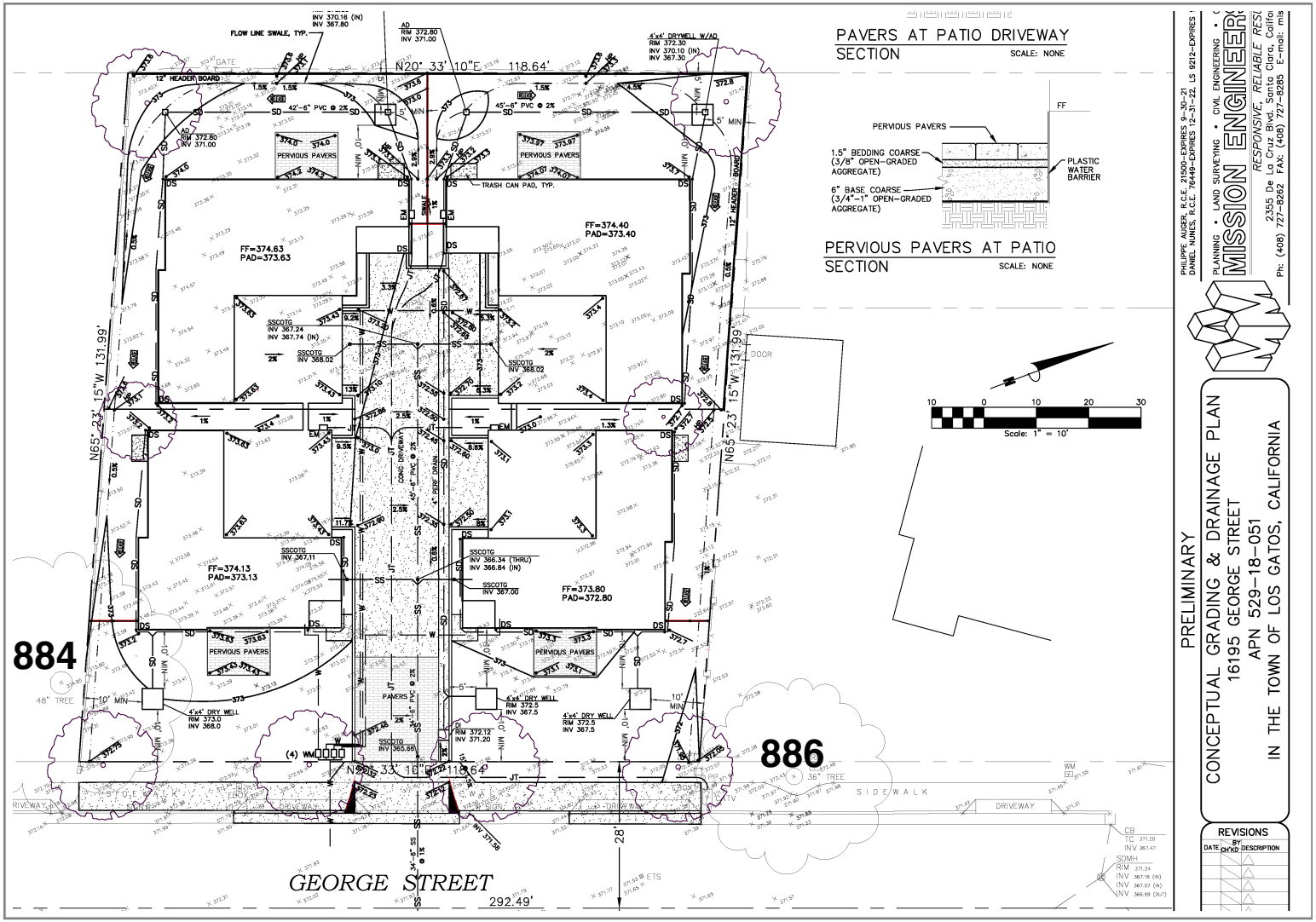
Trunk: Stem of a tree.

Trunk Formula Technique: Method to appraise the monetary value of trees considered too large to be replaced with nursery or field grown stock. Based on developing a representative unit cost for replacement with the same or comparable species of the same size and in the same place, subject to depreciation for various factors. Contrast with replacement cost method.

Volunteer: A tree, not planted by human hands, that begins to grow on residential or commercial property. Unlike trees that are brought in and installed on property, volunteer trees usually spring up on their own from seeds placed onto the ground by natural causes or accidental transport by people. Normally, volunteer trees are considered weeds and removed, but many desirable and attractive specimens have gone on to become permanent residents on many public and private grounds.

Appendix A: Tree Inventory Map and Site Plan

A2: Site Plan/Grading



Appendix B: Tree Inventory and Assessment Tables

Table 3: Inventory and Assessment Summary

Tree Species	I.D. #	Trunk Diameter (in.)	~ Canopy Diameter (ft.)	Condition	Suitability	Expected Impact	Protection Status	Rounded Depreciated Value
black walnut (Juglans nigra)	875	24	20	Poor	Poor	High/ Remove	Protected	$1,530.00
mulberry (*Morus albą*)	876	8	15	Fair	Poor	High/ Remove	Protected	$350.00
mulberry (*Morus albą*)	877	8	15	Fair	Poor	High/ Remove	Protected	$350.00
mulberry (*Morus albą*)	878	11	15	Fair	Poor	High/ Remove	Protected	$670.00
mulberry (*Morus albą*)	879	12	15	Fair	Poor	High/ Remove	Protected	$800.00
mulberry (*Morus albą*)	880	13	15	Fair	Poor	High/ Remove	Protected	$930.00
mulberry (*Morus albą*)	881	10	15	Fair	Poor	High/ Remove	Protected	$550.00
mulberry (*Morus albą*)	882	12	15	Fair	Poor	High/ Remove	Protected	$800.00
mulberry (*Morus albą*)	883	10	15	Fair	Poor	High/ Remove	Protected	$550.00
coast redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*)	884	60	40	Good	N/A	Moderate	Large Protected	$22,300.00
sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*)	885	4	10	Poor	Poor	High/ Remove	Protected	$90.00

Tree Species	I.D. #	Trunk Diameter (in.)	~ Canopy Diameter (ft.)	Condition	Suitability	Expected Impact	Protection Status	Rounded Depreciated Value
coast redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*)	886	60	40	Good	N/A	Low	Large Protected	$22,300.00

Appendix C: Photographs

C1: Black walnut #875 and sweetgum #885

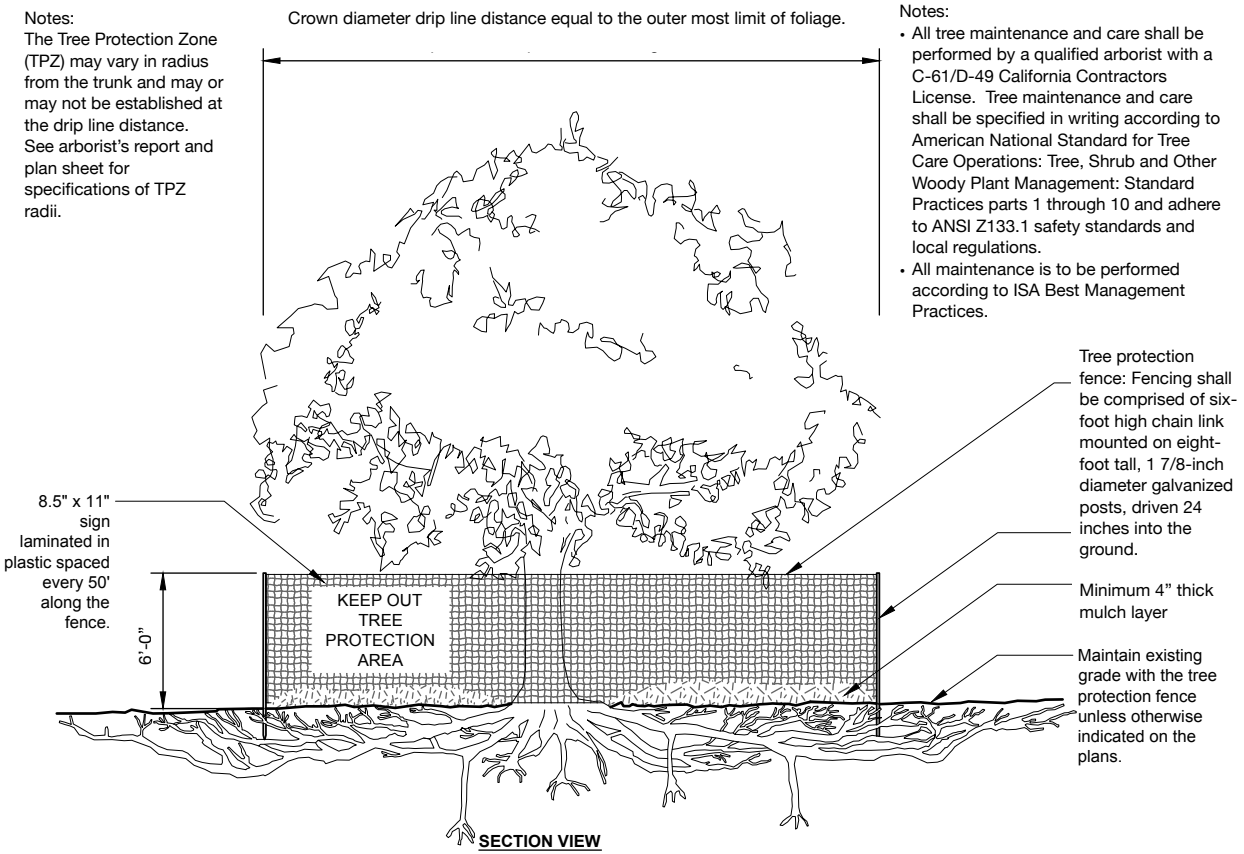
C2: Mulberries

C3: Mulberries

C5: Coast redwood #884 and #886

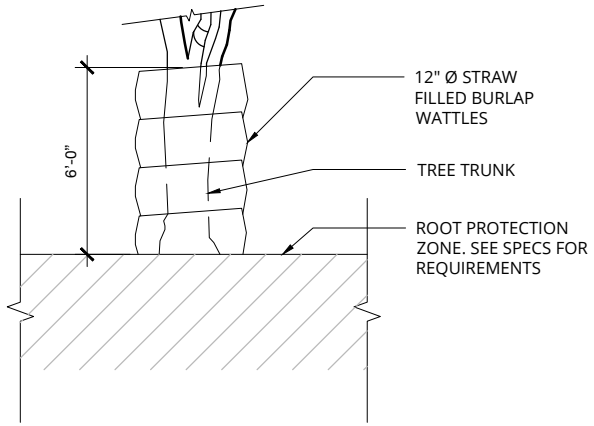
Appendix D: Tree Protection Guidelines

D1: Plan Sheet Detail S-X (Type I)



S-X TREE PROTECTION

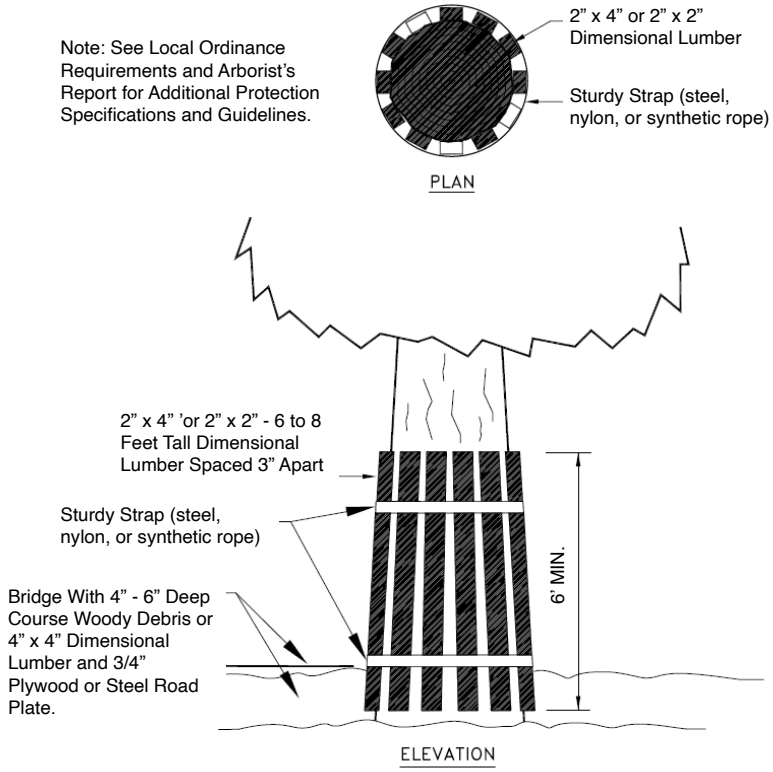
D2: Plan Sheet Detail S-Y (Type III)



SECTION VIEW

S-Y TRUNK PROTECTION WITH WATTLE

Note: See Local Ordinance Requirements and Arborist's Report for Additional Protection Specifications and Guidelines.



Trunk Protection Vertical Timber Detail

D3: Section 29.10.1005. - Protection of Trees During Construction

Tree Protection Zones and Fence Specifications

1. **Size and materials:** Six (6) foot high chain link fencing, mounted on two-inch diameter galvanized iron posts, shall be driven into the ground to a depth of at least two (2) feet at no more than ten-foot spacing. For paving area that will not be demolished and when stipulated in a tree preservation plan, posts may be supported by a concrete base.
2. **Area type to be fenced:** Type I: Enclosure with chain link fencing of either the entire dripline area or at the tree protection zone (TPZ), when specified by a certified or consulting arborist. Type II: Enclosure for street trees located in a planter strip: chain link fence around the entire planter strip to the outer branches. Type III: Protection for a tree located in a small planter cutout only (such as downtown): orange plastic fencing shall be wrapped around the trunk from the ground to the first branch with two-inch wooden boards bound securely on the outside. Caution shall be used to avoid damaging any bark or branches.
3. **Duration of Type I, II, III fencing:** Fencing shall be erected before demolition, grading or construction permits are issued and remain in place until the work is completed. Contractor shall first obtain the approval of the project arborist on record prior to removing a tree protection fence.
4. **Warning Sign:** Each tree fence shall have prominently displayed an eight and one-half-inch by eleven-inch sign stating: "Warning —Tree Protection Zone—This fence shall not be removed and is subject to penalty according to Town Code 29.10.1025.” Text on the signs should be in both English and Spanish (Appendix E).

All persons, shall comply with the following precautions

1. Prior to the commencement of construction, install the fence at the dripline, or tree protection zone (TPZ) when specified in an approved arborist report, around any tree and/or vegetation to be retained which could be affected by the construction and prohibit any storage of construction materials or other materials, equipment cleaning, or parking of vehicles within the TPZ. The dripline shall not be altered in any way so as to increase the encroachment of the construction.
2. Prohibit all construction activities within the TPZ, including but not limited to: excavation, grading, drainage and leveling within the dripline of the tree unless approved by the Director.
3. Prohibit disposal or depositing of oil, gasoline, chemicals or other harmful materials within the dripline of or in drainage channels, swales or areas that may lead to the dripline of a protected tree.
4. Prohibit the attachment of wires, signs or ropes to any protected tree.
5. Design utility services and irrigation lines to be located outside of the dripline when feasible.
6. Retain the services of a certified or consulting arborist who shall serve as the project arborist for periodic monitoring of the project site and the health of those trees to be preserved. The project arborist shall be present whenever activities occur which may pose a potential threat to the health of the trees to be preserved and shall document all site visits.
7. The Director and project arborist shall be notified of any damage that occurs to a protected tree during construction so that proper treatment may be administered.

Prohibited Activities

The following are prohibited activities within the TPZ:

- Grade changes (e.g. soil cuts, fills);
- Trenches;
- Root cuts;
- Pedestrian and equipment traffic that could compact the soil or physically damage roots;
- Parking vehicles or equipment;
- Burning of brush and woody debris;
- Storing soil, construction materials, petroleum products, water, or building refuse; and,
- Disposing of wash water, fuel or other potentially damaging liquids.

Monitoring

Any trenching, construction or demolition that is expected to damage or encounter tree roots should be monitored by the project arborist or a qualified ISA Certified Arborist and should be documented.

The site should be evaluated by the project arborist or a qualified ISA Certified Arborist after construction is complete, and any necessary remedial work that needs to be performed should be noted.

Root Pruning

Roots greater than two inches in diameter shall not be cut. When roots over two inches in diameter are encountered and are authorized to be cut or removed, they should be pruned by hand with loppers, handsaw, reciprocating saw, or chain saw rather than left crushed or torn. Roots should be cut beyond sinker roots or outside root branch junctions and be supervised by the project arborist. When completed, exposed roots should be kept moist with burlap or backfilled within one hour.

Boring or Tunneling

Boring machines should be set up outside the drip line or established Tree Protection Zone. Boring may also be performed by digging a trench on both sides of the tree until roots one inch in diameter are encountered and then hand dug or excavated with an Air Spade® or similar air or water excavation tool. Bore holes should be adjacent to the trunk and never go directly under the main stem to avoid oblique (heart) roots. Bore holes should be a minimum of three feet deep.

Tree Pruning and Removal Operations

All tree pruning or removals should be performed by a qualified arborist with a C-61/D-49 California Contractors License. Treatment, including pruning, shall be specified in writing according to the most recent ANSI A-300A Standards and Limitations and performed according to ISA Best Management Practices while adhering to ANSI Z133.1 safety standards. Trees that need to be removed or pruned should be identified in the pre-construction walk through.

Appendix E: Tree Protection Signs

E1: English

Warning
Tree Protection Zone

This Fence Shall Not Be Removed
And Is Subject To Penalty According To
Town Code 29.10.1025

E2: Spanish

Cuidado
Zona De Arbol Pretejido

Esta valla no podrán ser sacados
Y está sujeta a sanción en función de
Código Ciudad del 29.101025

Qualifications, Assumptions, and Limiting Conditions

Any legal description provided to the consultant is assumed to be correct. Any titles or ownership of properties are assumed to be good and marketable. All property is appraised or evaluated as though free and clear, under responsible ownership and competent management.

All property is presumed to be in conformance with applicable codes, ordinances, statutes, or other regulations.

Care has been taken to obtain information from reliable sources. However, the consultant cannot be responsible for the accuracy of information provided by others.

The consultant shall not be required to give testimony or attend meetings, hearings, conferences, mediations, arbitration, or trials by reason of this report unless subsequent contractual arrangements are made, including payment of an additional fee for such services.

This report and any appraisal value expressed herein represent the opinion of the consultant, and the consultant's fee is not contingent upon the reporting of a specified appraisal value, a stipulated result, or the occurrence of a subsequent event.

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Certification of Performance

I Richard Gessner, Certify:

That I have personally inspected the tree(s) and/or the property referred to in this report, and have stated my findings accurately. The extent of the evaluation and/or appraisal is stated in the attached report and Terms of Assignment;

That I have no current or prospective interest in the vegetation or the property that is the subject of this report, and I have no personal interest or bias with respect to the parties involved;

That the analysis, opinions and conclusions stated herein are my own;

That my analysis, opinions, and conclusions were developed and this report has been prepared according to commonly accepted Arboricultural practices;

That no one provided significant professional assistance to the consultant, except as indicated within the report.

That my compensation is not contingent upon the reporting of a predetermined conclusion that favors the cause of the client or any other party, nor upon the results of the assessment, the attainment of stipulated results, or the occurrence of any other subsequent events;

I further certify that I am a Registered Consulting Arborist® with the American Society of Consulting Arborists, and that I acknowledge, accept and adhere to the ASCA Standards of Professional Practice. I am an International Society of Arboriculture Board Certified Master Arborist®. I have been involved with the practice of Arboriculture and the care and study of trees since 1998.

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